

OBITUARY.

THE LATE H. L. SIKES, C.B.E. The Society has lost a very valuable and old member in the death of Howard Lecky Sikes. Mr. Sikes met his death whilst doing his duty as Senior Regional Advisor to the Ministry of Home Security. Mr. Sikes will be remembered by most of us as the Director of Public Works and as a long and valuable member of this Society.

His great interest was geology and especially hydrology. His paper on the Hydrology of Lake Naivasha in the *Journal* is still a most valuable reference on that subject. Through the years of his active life in Kenya, he enriched the geological collection of the Coryndon Museum with many valuable specimens. Mr. Sikes wished and I believe would have returned to Kenya after the war to continue his work on the Rift Valley.

He was a most kindly man to deal with; courteous and it was only when one was with him either on Lake Naivasha or in the Rift Valley, that one appreciated his great knowledge on these subjects. The Society has lost a kindly but steadfast Life Member, one of the small band that carried on when things were not too bright with the affairs of the Society or the Museum.

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THE LATE CANON KENNETH ST. AUBYN ROGERS. By the death of Canon Rogers, the Society has lost another of its earliest members. The late Canon Rogers was born in 1869. After a distinguished career at Oxford, he accepted a Curacy at Melton Mowbray and three years later, in 1898, he came to East Africa as a missionary of the Church Missionary Society. He retired in 1926, and settled at Mbagathi.

Canon Rogers joined the Society in 1912, and was for many years a member of the Executive Committee, serving on various sub-committees. He was an enthusiastic lepidopterist and his first paper in this *Journal*, on "Mimicry in East African Butterflies," was published in the first volume. He was associated with Dr. V. G. L. van Someren in the production of the first nine parts of the "Butterflies of Kenya and Uganda," and contributed articles to the Proceedings of the Royal Entomological Society of London, of which Society he was a Fellow. His extensive private collections of Lepidoptera were presented to the Hope Museum at Oxford several years ago.

Canon Rogers was also an authority on roses and collaborated with Capt. K. T. Gooch in writing the chapter on roses in the first edition of "Gardening in East Africa."

With his great knowledge of butterflies, Canon Rogers was always ready to help others and his death after a short illness on January 31st of this year, will be regretted by all who came into personal contact with him.

J.R.H.